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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 28TH UNGA: RAMGOOLAM VISIT TO SEOUL

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1. MAURITIUS PRIMIN SIR SEEWOOSAGUR RAMGOOLAM MADE OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROK AUGUST 18-22. HE MET WITH PRESIDENT, PRIMIN AND FONMIN. VISIT RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE IN LOCAL PRESS, WHICH EMPHASIZED RAMGOOLAM'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE ROK'S JUNE 23 FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE AND HIS ASSERTION THAT MAURITIUS WILL SUPPORT THE ROK AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA.

2. MOFA OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED TO US PRESS REPORT THAT MAURITIUS WILL SUPPORT CONCURRENT ADMISSION OF SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA. WITH REGARD TO UNC, HOWEVER, RAMGOOLAM MERELY EXPRESSED TO ROKG OFFICIALS HIS FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNC QUESTION. IN PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE HE LIKewise DECLINED TO COMMIT HIMSELF FULLY ON THIS QUESTION, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT MAURITIUS SUPPORTED THE ROK LAST YEAR AND SAID "AS FAR AS I KNOW OUR POLICY HAS NOT CHANGED."

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3. DURING VISIT, PRIMIN RAMGOOLAM ALSO DISCUSSED
PROMOTION OF TRADE WITH THE ROK, AND AGREEMENT
WAS REACHED TO SET UP PERMANENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
IN SEOUL AND PORT LOUIS, WITH THE TIMING TO BE
WORKED OUT IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.
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